

What are the Information Needs of Communities & Citizens? Our community is blocked by many factors; money to pay for cable and Internet, lack of centers to cultivate the capacity to navigate the Internet. Therefore Radio is the main vehicle they get their information and entertainment, Sadly there is more vulgar entertainment than critical information. My community needs information that tells them the truth about what is important to them; local government, elections state and national level, educational policies debates, emergencies, safety and health information. And more critically a information that identifies with them, culturally and in their language; it is common to see only mainstream language information; this information still is debatable or questionable that fits the corporations agenda. LPFMs has shown to have those connections that other bigger and meaner stations are always hunting for, but they think a vulgar entertaining is the way, sad but true the music and language they use is creating a vehicle that only a a !

quarter percentage of the community actually feels like talks to them and the rest doesn't have an option but to listen because those are the only options that are available. Thanks to LPFM and community radio stations the other 3/4 are finding something that they can share with their children in the car and not be afraid that a vulgar song or terms are transmitted to their children's language and their values stay distortion free.

How is Commercial Media Serving Your Community?

The Commercial Media is serving my community very well in the area of keeping their minds dumb and oblivious about how and what kind of local policies are actually affecting their neighborhood, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the commercial media is not local and it only shows what is happening to the richest class of the nation or world. Sure they broadcast the headlines but only destructions, devastation, national emergencies, terrorist attacks and their well paid commercial in between. I would say that commercial media is becoming an uncharted ground where they can improve their way of doing information; broadcasting how a local lady that had cancer is helping organizing a fund-raiser to help another lady that was just diagnosed cancer, how the community is building community service gardens to increase the local ownership and fight gangs, and how local organizations are fighting for their children to have a healthier food in their schools.. and If y!

ou want me to talk how diverse the commercial media is; it would be long but I won't bother, because is as simple as -No diversity in the commercial media only tokens-. and I know I am repeating myself; but if it wasn't for community radio stations and LPFM's the hope of finding something real and not commercial. That hope would be dead, but thanks to all of us that care, is NOT dead.

What is the State of Noncommercial, Nonprofit, and Public Media?

The Nonprofit in my state is fighting its way through and is making waves in the community; sadly there are some nonprofits that want to mimic the commercial media and I am not surprised as we are bombarded with that kind of commercial media everyday, every hour. There are some opportunities

for nonprofits and for communities to own their own media but there are road blocks that doesn't allow them to own their own media and that is as some mainstream community TV stations compete to also own full power radio station; like they need another car to move. and lets not forget the religious imperialism in the broadcast world; in my view they already have enough if not more than the justified amount; and they still become road blocks for the community to own their own media. I would like to get into how beneficial the website are to the nonprofits and the communities but my reality as I am leaving it; having Internet connection is NOT FREE and how in the world do you want us to be!

and those community and nonprofit through the Internet when the community they served DOES NOT HAVE MONEY to afford a connection to the Internet. as you all know the current RECESSION we all are in, it doesn't take much to figure out that people are choosing FOOD over the INTERNET.

What is the Impact of the Internet and Mobile Information?

The local impact of the Internet is growing fast in the younger generations; as they become in contact in their schools and is provided in some libraries; but the younger generations is not the whole community and so how do we expect to have the whole community checking out a nonprofit's website when the reality is that it is unreal to think that the whole community is actually viewing this critical information. Great social networks, great local information, great community information; but there is nothing great about it when the community that actually needs it, DOES NOT HAVE EASY ACCESS TO IT. and sure mobile services are great because they are a need not because is something cool to have. and About the broadband switch.. GREAT YES!! but who are benefiting from this? Because if you look outside the metropolitan areas there is not a huge sign that says COME AND GET YOUR COMPUTER AND YOUR INTERNET!! why? Because it costs money and as I mention before; People are NOT going !

to choose FOOD for TECHNOLOGY. and HD Radio and the Digital mombojumbo WILL NOT reach the communities as the Broadband act intended to, till the commercial way of life gets off their idea of squeezing every penny from poorest class. Being real about this; it is a privilege to have a smart phone or internet. and WE ALL DO NOT HAVE THAT PRIVILEGE. which is the 70% of the population, at least in my state of Oregon, I can only imagine the how is the privilege divided in Washington, DC.